

Patient Safety Officer and Director, VA National Center for Patient Safety; and John D. Daigh, Jr., M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Healthcare Inspections; Daniel Schultz, M.D., Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and Laurie Ekstrand, Director, Health Care, GAO.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION ACT OF 2006

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4157, Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2006.

SSA's IMPROVED DISABILITY DETERMINATION PROCESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the Social Security Administration's Improved Disability Determination Process. Testimony was heard from Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA; Robert E. Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SOUTH CENTRAL EUROPE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine human rights challenges that countries in South Central Europe face as they seek integration into the European Union and/or North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on legal restrictions on religious activities and other attacks on religious freedom, lagging efforts to combat trafficking in persons, discrimination and violence against Roma, and the prevalence of official corruption and organized crime, after receiving testimony from Rosemary A. DiCarlo, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasia Affairs; Daniel Serwer, United States Institute of Peace; Janusz Bugajski, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Joseph K. Grieboski, Institute on Religion and Public Policy, all of Washington, D.C.; and Nicolae Gheorghe, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Warsaw, Poland.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 572)

H.R. 1953, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco, otherwise known as the "Granite Lady". Signed on June 15, 2006. (Public Law 109-230)

H.R. 3829, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Signed on June 15, 2006. (Public Law 109-231)

H.R. 5401, to amend section 308 of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act to make certain clarifying and technical amendments. Signed on June 15, 2006. (Public Law 109-232)

S. 1235, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and extend housing, insurance, outreach, and benefits programs provided under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to improve and extend employment programs for veterans under laws administered by the Secretary of Labor. Signed on June 15, 2006. (Public Law 109-233)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Disabled Services in the District of Columbia: Who is Protecting the Rights of D.C.'s Most Vulnerable Residents?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Evaluating the Synthetic Drug Control Strategy," 9 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity, hearing on H.R. 5604, Screening Applied Fairly and Equitably to Truckers Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.